

## LICK'S FIRST LOVE AFFAIR

Future Millionaire Was Repulsed by Girl's Father Because of His Poverty.

There are many stories of the lighter side of finance in which love affairs find a place. Perhaps none of these is more peculiar than the story of James Lick, a name famous all over the world through a monument to his memory, the great Lick observatory, in California. In the financial world the great city of San Francisco is a monument to Lick's luck—he foresaw the possibility of the great city of the Pacific slope, bought the land on which it now stands, and became a millionaire. Before that time the name of Lick was great in the musical world. Lick's pianos—out of which he made the money which he invested in land—were manufactured by him. But on the poetic side of life—a world apart from such things as piano-making and mud-flats—the great Lick Mill stands as a monument to Lick's love. In early life James Lick sought the of a miller's daughter, but was

repelled by the father on the ground that the young suitor did not possess a mill. Many years afterwards, when he had become one of the richest men in the states, he erected a large mill and adorned it like a palace. It was built of mahogany and costly woods, and erected solely as a memorial of his youthful attachment. His only pleasure was to contemplate this palatial mill and to gloat over the man who had spurned him for his poverty. —Harry Furness, in the Strand.

## LADY PASSENGER'S LOG

She Wanted to Be Sure Just What the Wind Should Be Called.

It was blowing rather hard, and there was a nasty sea on an hour and a half before the first breakfast bugle. An officer of the ocean liner hurried along the passage between the state-rooms, and a timid voice called to him:

"Oh, Mr. Officer, please stop." He turned and saw a dear old lady

with a wrapper thrown around her, peeping through her half-open door. "Yes, madam," said the officer.

"Mr. Officer, please; would you call this a gale?" asked the old lady, anxiously.

"Oh! no, madam. There's not the least danger. I assure—"

"Well, is it half a gale?"

"Not even half a gale, and this is such an excellent sea boat that you needn't worry a bit," explained the officer.

"Well, what would you call it, please?" said the lady, steadying herself as the vessel rolled.

"Just a fresh nor'west breeze, madam, with a cross sea running. But, really, there's nothing to fear."

"Thank you so much. I just wanted to get it quite right in my diary, you know."

## Empress Uses Typewriter.

It is related that in passing through her husband's library recently the attention of the empress of Japan was attracted to a peculiar-looking machine. On learning that it was a

typewriter, and having it explained to her, she became interested and began to hit the keys. Now, it is said, she does a good deal of correspondence for the emperor.

It is further reported that Queen Alexandra of England, Queen Maude of Norway, the czarina and the queen of Portugal are all fond of using the typewriter in corresponding with their intimates.

It is probable that all of them put together do not use the machine as much as Carmen Silva, the queen of Romania, who rattles her poems and stories on a typewriter.—St. Nicholas.

## HER THREE ESSENTIALS

Smartest Looking Girl at Resort Gave Most Attention to Hair, Feet and Corsets.

"You're about the smartest looking girl on this piazza," remarked the old bachelor to the bronze-haired girl at a nearby summer resort. "How do you manage it?" As he knew she worked for a living 50 weeks in the

year, she didn't mind.

"I'll tell you," she confessed, "because you can keep a secret and you know I don't have much money to spend. I have just two good points and I make the most of them. And then I always wear fine corsets."

"Huh!" he ejaculated. "What are the alleged good points?"

She smiled cheerfully: "Hair and feet."

He instantly surveyed each and nodded his approval.

"So," she went on, "as I can't afford much in the way of gowns, etc., I blow myself on shoes and stockings, which are much cheaper and quite as noticeable."

"Yes," he asserted; "the way you wear them."

"Then," she continued serenely, "I get the latest style of hair the minute it comes out. That keeps people so busy looking at my puffs they don't have time to notice my dress."

"But the—er—corsets?" he suggested, as she rose to go.

"An absolute necessity," she smiled back at him.

## Alleged Swindlers Fear Trial



At Left, J. C. Mabray; at Right, E. C. Moore; at Bottom, John R. Dobbins.

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 15.—J. C. Mabray, the alleged king of a band of swindlers, who operated in all the principal cities of the United States, will face trial here in the very near future.

John R. Dobbins, one of the leaders in the alleged swindling syndicate, which is said to have promoted fake sporting events in various parts of the country, has been convicted on a charge of conspiracy in the state court in Council Bluffs, Iowa. He was sentenced Monday to an indeterminate period of five years in the penitentiary at Anamosa, Iowa.

With the disposal of the Dobbins case will come the trial of J. C. Mabray, in the federal court in Council Bluffs. Mabray is said to be the peer of all swindlers and the real leader of the 89 other men in various parts of the country who were indicted with him. When he is placed on trial, the gang's real fight will commence, for it has an unlimited amount of money to work with. Should Mabray or any of his pals secure their freedom in the



federal court in Council Bluffs they must answer to an indictment by the state grand jury in Omaha, and to indictments by the federal grand jury in Kansas and Arkansas.

## Robs Operating Table of its Horror



DR. THOMAS JONNESCO.

New York, Dec. 15.—It has remained for Dr. Thomas Jonnesco to score one of the greatest triumphs of the medical world. This Roumanian scientist maintained that stovaine is superior to ether as an anesthetic and before the flower of the medical profession performed delicate operations with the knife, the patients all the time remaining wide eyed and conscious of all that was going on and yet experiencing no pain.

To take a patient sitting quietly on the edge of a table, swamping his legs, thrust a hollow needle into the small of his back (with little more pain than would be caused by stabbing him with a pin), inject through it half a teaspoonful of a colorless fluid, then lay him down on the table and,

within three minutes, be able to cut down to the bone anywhere upon his body—amputate a limb, open the abdomen and remove the appendix or a kidney, without producing the slightest pain of importance, yet leaving him perfectly conscious, with his eyes wide open and able to observe every step of the operation, if he so desires, is certainly a striking and dramatic feat.

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